

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
December 3, 2014 .....9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller, Douglas A. Curtis and Crawford Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director; Tim Eubanks – Public Works; Bob Sloan – The Link; Mary Anderson, Mary Vermeulen, Sheila Neisler, David Deese, Terrence B. Hooper, Amanda Curtis, Eddie O’Cain – Humane Society; Jerry Gaskins – Paws & Claws; Willa Ratliff; Bernie Harman; Chris Winingen – Volunteers of Chesterfield; Victoria McGonigal – Dochas n Gra Rescue Chesterfield; Erin Schmitt – Volunteer Coordinator CCAS; Billy Cassidy – Mayor of Chesterfield; Angela Jackson – Volunteer, Animal Shelter; Doren Jackson – Volunteer, Animal Shelter; Connie Hancock – Foster and Volunteer, Animal Shelter; Mary Anderson; Nancy Kimrey; Kim Harrington – Pageland Progressive Journal; Patsy Maynor and Patsy Leviner – Greater Pee Dee Animal Rescue Spay Neuter. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers recommended Council enter into Executive Session in accordance with S.C. Law, Section 30-40-70 of the S.C. Code of Laws, to discuss a legal matter – Sheriff’s request.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Miller, Johnson, Bruce E. Rivers, Moore, Plyler, Cole and Vice-Chair Powe. Voting against the motion was Council Member Curtis. Motion passed.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers reported Council is back in regular session. No action was taken and no motions were made in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivers advised that as a result of hearing from the County Attorney, Council has taken the following position to move forward as follows: There are three (3) issues that are addressed in the Sheriff's letter, the return of Animal Cruelty/Litter Control to the Sheriff, the return of the E-911 Services to the Sheriff, all of these from the County and lastly the proposed return of the jail from the county to the Sheriff. As to the Animal Shelter, we are instructing staff to meet with the Sheriff to discuss two issues, the first issue will not be discussed, in our opinion that issue being the Animal Shelter, by unanimous agreement of Council without a vote, just discussion per our attorney, is that the Animal Shelter and all concerns of that are to remain solely with the County in all respects. That is an issue that is off the table as far as nine (9) members of County Council are concerned and they are off the table in total. That information will be conveyed to the Sheriff. I understand he had some medical procedure today and that is why he could not be here, so that will be forwarded to the Sheriff and/or his staff immediately today. On the other two issues, the E 911 facility and the jail, the County and its employees are doing a good job with those facilities. We believe that the county staff and employees have a history of doing a good job since our running it and we would not like to see that end and we do not at this time feel that it should end, however, we are willing to have our staff meet with the Sheriff and hear him out regarding those two issues and to look at those in the future and again our general consensus is, however, on those two issues that we are doing a fine job and that it should not be changed. The Sheriff was duly elected and just started so to speak and out of respect, we would like to hear his thoughts and concerns on those two issues. Again, we will not entertain in our position any discussion as to the return of the Animal Shelter in any way from the County to the Sheriff, that is off the table as far as these Council members are concerned and that position will not change.

#### **COUNCIL TOOK A TEN MINUTE BREAK**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON LEFT THE MEETING FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT**

#### **COUNCIL MEETING IS NOW BACK IN SESSION**

#### **PRAYER**

Council Member Robert G. Cole opened the meeting with prayer.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the December 3, 2014 meeting agenda with the amendment to strike #12. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **a. November 5, 2014 - Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve the November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Kristina Zieba, Director – Dog4u**

Ms. Zeiba left the meeting after Executive Session.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **Victoria McGonigal**

Addressed Council regarding the structure of the Animal Shelter, E-911 and Detention Center and how well these facilities were being operated. She asked Council to not revert back to a system that has proven not to work. Thanked Council for taking their time to listen to her comments. She also thanked Sheriff Brooks and the entire County Council for their service to the County and its citizens.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **\$225,000 G/O Bond – Cash Fire District**

Vice-Chair Powe made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Vice-Chair Powe made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **a. \$225,000 G/O Bond – Cash Fire District – 3rd Reading**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Vice-Chair Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **b. Lease Agreement (Pee Dee Coalition) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only***

Council Member Curtis made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Purple Heart Resolution**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to adopt Purple Heart Resolution. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

**Request from Sheriff Brooks – Douglass**

Letter from Sheriff Brooks regarding the Detention Center, E911 and Animal Cruelty/ Litter Control. This matter was discussed in Executive Session.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Surplus Property (Public Works) – Douglass**

Requested that Council declare the following items as surplus property:

- 1995 Ford E350 Van (Detention)  
VIN# 1FBJS31H6SHC00703  
184,431 miles (Blown Motor)
- 2007 Ford Crown Vic (Sheriff's)  
VIN# 2FAFP71W37X130499  
100,000 miles (Blown Motor – No Transmission)
- 2007 Ford Crown Vic (Sheriff's)  
VIN# 2FAFP71WX7X130497  
95,000 miles (No Motor)

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to declare the above 1995 Ford E350 Van (Detention), 2007 Ford Crown Vic (Sheriff's) and 2007 Ford Crown Vic (Sheriff's) as surplus. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Setting the 2015 Council Meeting Dates – Douglass**

The following dates and times were set for the 2015 Council Meetings: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 12, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2 all beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the above 2015 Council Meeting dates. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Setting the 2015 Holiday Schedule – Douglass**

The following Holidays were set for 2015: January 1 and 2 (Bonus Day), January 19, February 16, April 3, May 25, July 3, September 7, November 11, November 26 & 27 and December 24, 25, & 28.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to approve the above 2015 Holiday Schedule. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Council Member Johnson**

None

**Council Member Plyler**

None

**Council Member Moore**

He would like to see Council continue to get off TAN and continue to support the Alliance and keep pushing forward with building programs. He stated the only thing that did not get done that he wanted to see get done was the penny and he hoped that Council would stick with that and try to pick projects a little bit better next time and just get some infrastructure on the Western side of the County using that penny. Stated that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone and it has been a great experience.

**Council Member Cole**

Nice working with Mr. Moore.

**Council Member Bruce E. Rivers**

Wished Council Member Moore the best in the future and that it has been a pleasure to work with Council Member Moore.

**Council Member Curtis**

Thanked Council Member Moore for his service. Stated he would like to issue all of his colleagues a challenge where over the holidays he wanted them to think about alternative revenue streams other than ad valorem taxes, really viable revenue streams that we can use to get off of the backs of the taxpayers.

**Council Member Miller:**

None

**Council Vice-Chair Powe**

Stated she had some information from Pee Dee COG that she would like to share. Stated that thirty (30%) percent of the sewer upgrades in Pageland have been completed and they are still working on some more of them. Town of Cheraw has got some issues also. The engineering projects, most of them have been completed and the problem with Martha Hamilton and Bundy Robinson, they didn't get the right-of-way, so someone needs to check and see why they didn't get the right-of-way on these. Cane Mill Crossing is complete. They are working on getting right-of-way easements for County Line Road. The resurfacing has been completed on Red Oak, Foster and Hickory in the Town of Chesterfield. Croft Jones is waiting on some easements and the industrial park is waiting on DHEC approval. Stated she would like to remind everyone who would like to do the prepaid taxes, they need to sign up for it now. They need to go by the Treasurer's Office and this needs to be publicized.

**Council Chair J. Matthew Rivers**

Susie has been working on a number of things, one is something for our departing politicians. She is also setting something up for our annual meeting with our Legislature so we can focus on our new speaker. This meeting will be on December 29 and also Susie and staff are working on swearing in for newly elected officials like we have done previously. That will be January 5 and it will be for Council members and Probate Judge.

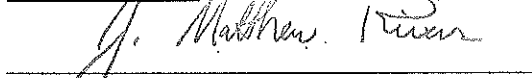
**Administrator Denise Douglass**

Reminded Council that a Special Meeting has been called for December 17, 2014. She also stated that she has enjoyed working with Council Member Moore .

**ADJOURN**

Council Member Moore made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVED:**

  
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J. Matthew Rivers, Chairman  
Date: January 7, 2015

**ATTEST:**

  
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Susie Boswell, Clerk to Council